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AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION,
PHUC YEN AREA, NORTH VIETNAM



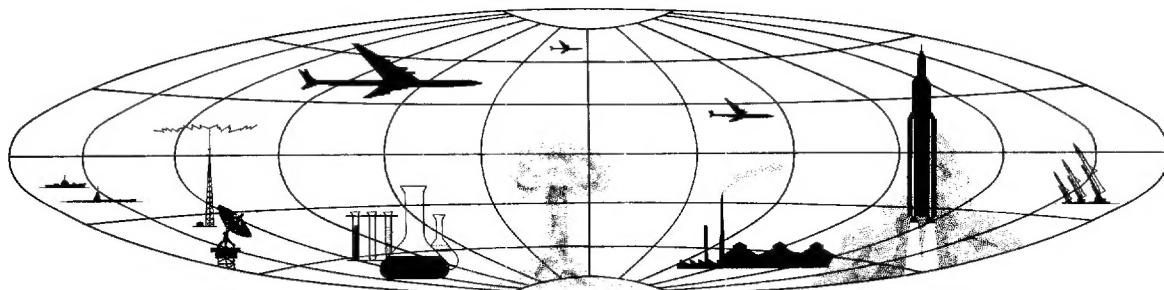
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References: AMS Series L509, Sheet NF48-11, 2d ed, May 57 (U); AMS Series L605, Sheet 37 (East), 6th ed, May 54 (U). NPIC Project J-211/63

This airfield, in a late stage of construction, is situated at UTM coordinates 48QWJ840464, 5.8 nm ESE of Phuc Yen and one nm north of the old, abandoned Phuc Yen airfield. It is served by a single-track railroad spur from the Hanoi-Thai Nguyen railroad line. Initial construction was first observed in [redacted] and was first identified as an airfield under construction in [redacted] 2/ Recent photography reveals an 8,720 x 190 ft WNW/ESE concrete, probably serviceable runway with 1,200 - 1,300ft probable natural surface overruns under construction at

either end and a nearly complete parallel taxiway north of the runway. Three parking aprons appear complete. Two of these, located along the parallel taxiway, measure approximately 1,180 x 150 ft and the other, situated along the crossover taxilink, is approximately 350 x 120 ft. In early stages of construction are another parking apron, situated along a crossover taxilink and also measuring approximately 350 x 120 ft, and 2 possible parking aprons, situated along the parallel taxiway and measuring approximately 415 x 120 ft. Some probable construction

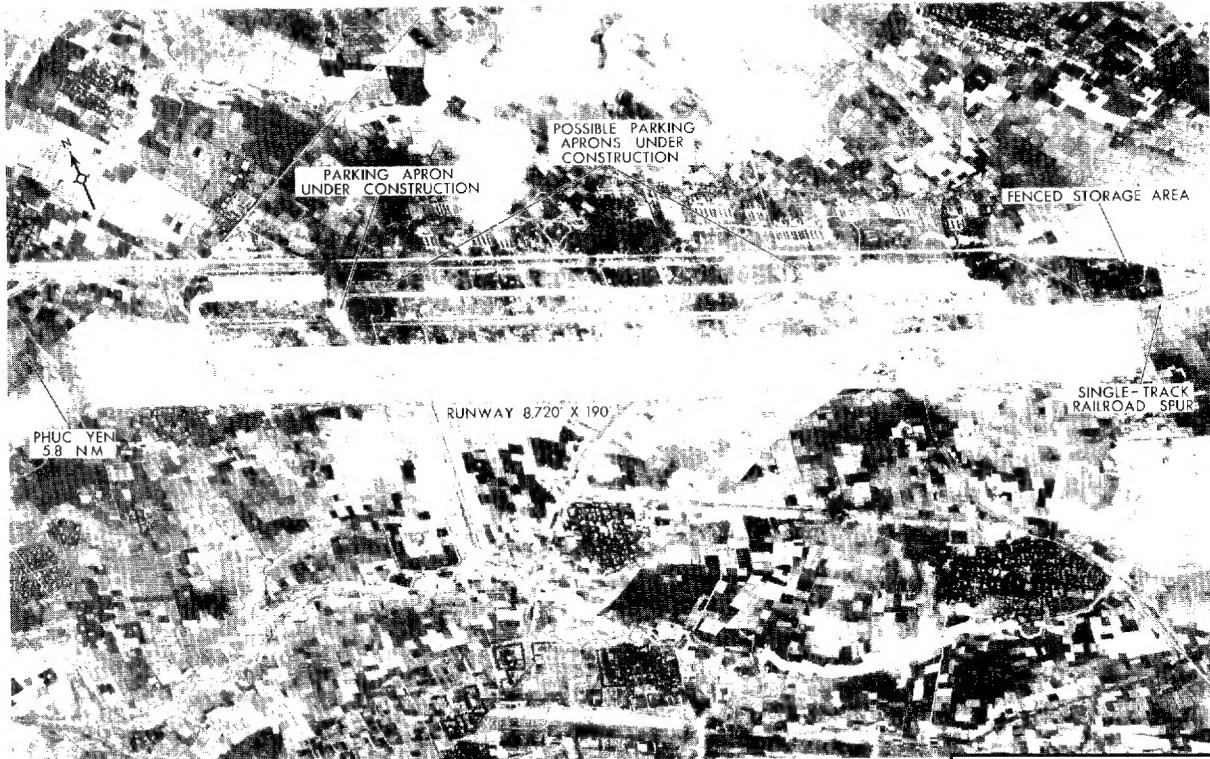


FIGURE 1. AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION, PHUC YEN AREA, NORTH VIETNAM, [redacted]

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materials are visible on the two large parking aprons.

A large probable workers housing area with approximately 65 barracks-type buildings and approximately 150 miscellaneous administration and support buildings and sheds is situated immediately north of the runway. A small, fenced storage area with 4 M-roof buildings and 2 support buildings is situated east of the runway.

No electronics, defenses, or aircraft were observed, and the airfield does not appear operational at this time.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

1. IBID 335822, 3-827, Feb 62 [redacted]

2. IBID 333910, 3-3915, Jul 62 [redacted]

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